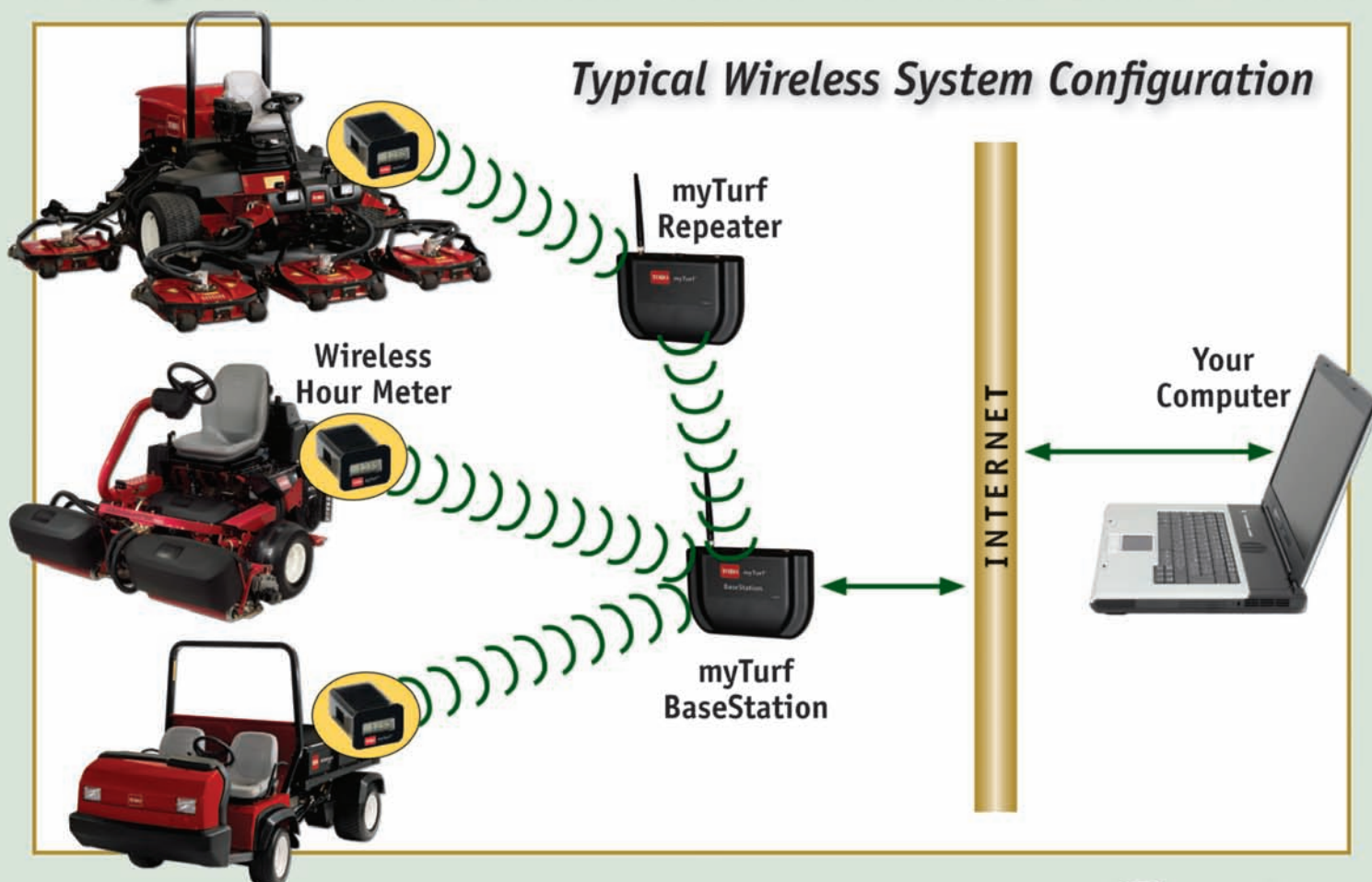


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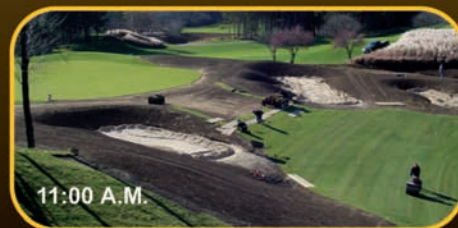


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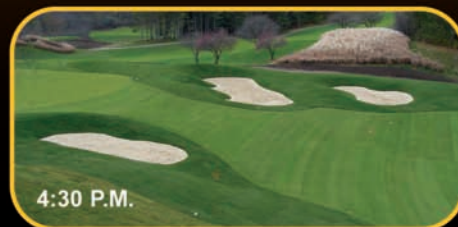
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A Different World

It's just a "Different World" now-a-days out here. To say that it's been a humbling, stress-filled, draining season would be considered a vast understatement by many. I'm sure many will be glad when this year's golf season closes. To refresh, recharge, and prepare ourselves for the 2011 season with renewed zest.

Speaking of renewed zest, the 58th Midwest Turf Clinic and Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at Medinah Country Club. Curtis Tyrell, CGCS, will again host. As the MAGCS's Immediate Past President and Education Committee Chair, it is the Committee's duty to put together the education program at this annual event. The theme for this year's Turf Clinic is: "It's a Different World." GCSAA Education credits can be applied for and obtained. Here's a rundown of the highlights:

1. Can you imagine being a first-year superintendent in 2010? WOW! Well, three first-year MAGCS member superintendents did just that. Nick Leu from Blackstone GC, in Marengo, Illinois; Ben McGargill from Wynstone GC, in North Barrington, Illinois; and Scott Verdun from Kenosha CC, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, will participate in a roundtable discussion about their experiences this season. The insights and tribulations of handling a new job, learning a new course, fostering new relationships with staff and club officials, working through a very tough first season, and coping with outside interests will be valuable lessons for all to hear. I'm certain they will agree that this year, 2010, was in fact, a different world.

2. When you've got something important to share how do you share it? Getting a worthy, timely and accurate communication out to your administration, guests, and members has become critical for many superintendents and operations. In this on-line, instant access, information age, internet and mobile hand-held technologies have caused a sharp rise in the use of weblogs, email blasts, and social networking sites by golf course superintendents.

Four veteran MAGCS members will share their knowledge of these communication tools. All four have earned the GCSAA's, "C.G.C.S." mark of distinction and respect. They are: Henry Michna, Winnetka CC; Dave Ward, Coyote Run GC; Jeff Frentz, Lakeshore CC; and Luke Cella, MAGCS Executive Director. Henry and Dave will share, display, and discuss their use of weblogs. Each will walk us through their blog, showing us their creative uses about course conditioning. Jeff will discuss and display his use of email and email blasts to get his maintenance message out. And, Luke will walk us through all we need to know about social networking via the internet on Facebook

and Twitter. All will describe how they incorporate new methods of communication into golf course management.

3. Have you ever wondered what really goes on in the rhizosphere surrounding turfgrass roots? (I know I have). A good shot of 'up close and personal' is in store for the gathered membership when Gary Campbell, a certified consulting agronomist and Russ Blogg, a soil microbiologist, present their soil microbiology thriller, "Deep, Down Different." Both Gary and Russ are employed at Agri-Energy Resources, Inc., in Princeton, Illinois. They will discuss functions, roles, and interactions in the mysterious subsurface world of soil microorganisms and roots. Aerobic, facultative, anaerobic, obligate, and saprophytic are just a few of the words that will forever roll from your tongue at cocktail parties and dinner tables after listening to these gentlemen. It will be exciting!

4. Lastly, Mr. Dan Roan, 'Chicago's Very Own, WGN-TV Weekend Sports Anchor,' will give our keynote address. He has hosted and co-produced pre-game and halftime shows for WGN's NBA and Major League Baseball telecasts. He is also substitute play-by-play announcer for WGN's Bulls, Cubs, and White Sox games. With the addition of the Chicago Blackhawks to WGN's programming schedule, Dan is also hosting between-period segments during hockey telecasts. Dan has won three Emmys for sports-related work while at WGN. He is an avid golfer who has qualified and participated in many Illinois Opens and other notable amateur golf championships. We are thrilled to have him give our keynote address.

In closing, on a personal note, as the MAGCS Immediate Past President, the 2010 Turf Clinic will be my last official board responsibility before my tenure ends. Eight years ago, at the 2002 Turf Clinic, I was elected to serve the MAGCS Board of Directors. It brought me a great deal of personal and professional reward. I savored serving this association, and I am whole-heartedly grateful for the opportunity and appreciative of the confidence and support you bestowed upon me. I will forever treasure the closeness of the friendships we created. It has been the utmost honor and privilege. Thank you.

I pray that God's grace will continue to fill you and yours with good health, fine spirits, and plentiful joy.

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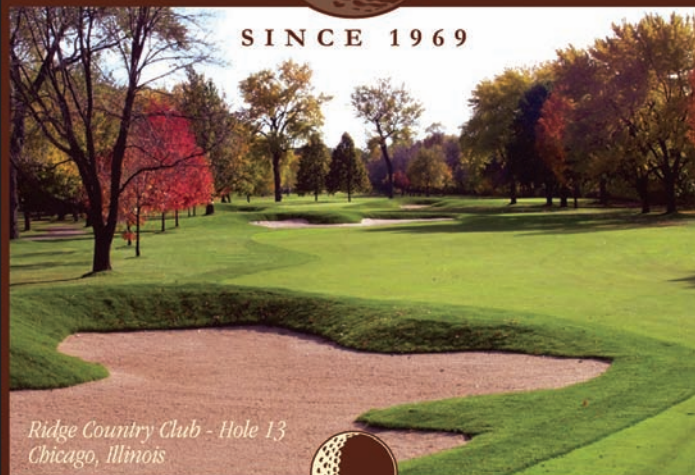


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Golf Course Architecture, Some Perspective

Golf is evolving. Right now, there are dozens of different issues facing this game. From play and income concerns to water conservation and maintenance practices to difficulty/playability, sustainability, and feasibility. Certainly, there is no shortage of concerns for the continued viability of golf.

To gain some perspective, I have asked golf course architects and American Society of Golf Course Architects members [ASGCA] from around the country to answer two questions:

- Where is golf going?
- What is the role of the golf course architect in that trend?

The following are a variety of responses.

Garrett Gil, Wisconsin

"At least in the United States, we see the golf course trends, particularly among the daily fee and municipal courses, going towards reducing maintenance and operations costs. As greens fees are reduced to entice and compete for play, expenses must be reduced as well. In this regard, as architects, we are involved in a number of bunker remodeling projects to reduce not only the square footage of bunkers, but also the extent of perimeter to be edged. We also see trends and have assisted clients in conversions to lower-input turfs, overall reductions in maintained turf, and irrigation system and pump system alterations that reduce energy demand and water usage. Surprisingly in our area, as golf courses close, the remaining courses are making improvements to better themselves for the golfers they currently have and those they hope to have. All of these trends are targeted at providing quality of play at less cost and in a more efficient and effective manner."

Andy Staples, Arizona

"Due to a global economic recession coupled with evolving environmental politics, golf will be asked to reassess how it is designed, built, and managed in order to stay relevant in the future. The golf course architect is the most visible, influential spokesman for golf's drive toward sustainability. We have the tools to determine the appropriate number of costly features such as feature shaping, green sizes, numbers

and styles of bunkers, and turfgrass choices. We are in the driver's seat when it comes to promoting sustainable philosophies such as energy efficiency, water conservation, and natural maintenance. This is the future of the golf course architect."

Bill Amick, Maryland

"For a long time I've believed that many golfers, potential golfers, and we in golf could all benefit from having more well-designed, smaller golf courses. Courses that would be easier to play, less expensive, require less land, and take less time for a round. These could be both stand-alone and companion courses. Golf course architects should promote these where they are feasible and design them."

Art Schaupeter, Missouri

"Golf is at a crossroads. The boom in development over the past twenty years was too focused on a narrow scope of golf course type, namely the "championship" caliber golf course. Less than 1% of golfers are able to play a golf course of this caliber. Moving forward, the golf industry must broaden its appeal if it expects to attract more players. Golf course architects need to be at the forefront of this broadening of golf's choices. We can encourage the redevelopment of underperforming facilities to make them more inviting to a wider range of golfers and to non-golfers who might be encouraged to give golf a try. They should encourage the creation of alternative facilities (non-18 hole "championship" courses) so that players have a choice of how much time and money they spend on a given round of golf. The architects should focus their design efforts on maximizing a fun playing experience, which should include larger greens, fewer hazards, minimal or no lost ball opportunities, wider playable areas, and shorter courses. This is how golf course architects can do their part to encourage new players

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J. Drew Rogers, Ohio

Where is golf going?

"I think we are somewhat dependent on what owner/operators do – how they choose to address our current climate, consumer desires, and the stagnant growth of the game. We all talk about ways to make golf more fun again and how facilities can be designed and operated in less traditional ways. Until we can make the game less expensive, more accessible, and more fun, we will continue to see the flat line. Improved stewardship is a contributing factor – the amount of turf we care for and the amount of water and chemicals we apply. There are direct correlations for all of these factors...all lead toward a more affordable game, a more accessible game, a game that is more enjoyable to play, and less time consuming – even a family activity."

The role of the golf course architect?

"We must advise and educate our clients, and promote the options every day to prospective developers. We have a responsibility as architects to promote the movement through our media outlets, through our industry contacts, and through our network of superintendents, management groups, and general managers. We also have a voice to promote solutions through the USGA and PGA. We possess the expertise to design or to modify a facility to address many if not all of today's operational concerns."

Greg Martin, Illinois

Where is golf going? - Global

Certainly, the international markets are expanding. These markets expand and contract quickly, based upon many factors. One thing for sure...golf is a global game. Just look at the PGA Tour winners from this past year.

As we expand our design talents overseas, we must be careful to make adjustments to our philosophies in these sensitive markets. Better land use; better resource allocation; more sensitivity to diverse landscapes; and more playable designs will be vital for allowing the game to grow.

Where is golf going? - Local

Golf course renovation will be more necessary than ever as the facilities built in the previous 20 years become dated. In the coming years, infrastructure, aesthetics, and playability will be addressed in a different way to widen golfer appeal.

Where is golf going? – Brown

This industry is slow to react...but when it does it is quick to change. That change is underway. The playing conditions at the U.S. Open, Whistling Straits, and the U.S. Amateur at Chambers Bay are just a sampling of what is now acceptable. Brown is ok, at least for industry insiders. That message must be broadcast to our customers. Golfers want green...but brown will be better for everyone, keeping costs low and designs interesting.

The role of the Golf Course Architect?

We have been complacent and allowed the industry to dictate our philosophies and design. That is changing also. It must change. We are now at the forefront of addressing those concerns including environmental sensitivity, economic sustainability, playability, and market appropriateness. We are leading and talking about it. Is anyone listening?

There is talent and vision in this industry. The architects I talk to on a regular basis are keenly interested in making golf more sustainable, available, and better. This talent is represented in many ways: from high-end resorts, to private clubs, to regional masterpieces, to creating wider access for golfers at local municipal facilities.

Most Architects are not looking for the MOST or the BEST...but better. Better is not longer, tougher, more challenging or more costly. Better is more engaging, more interesting, more sustainable, and more fun for more golfers. **-OC**

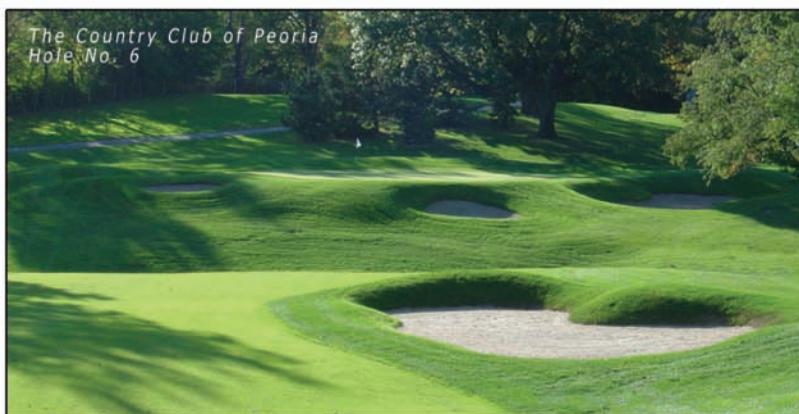


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Cantigny = Tanks. That is my childhood memory of the place and as kids we pronounced the g, unlike the formal French pronunciation (Can tee nee). Two or three times a summer the Cella and family across the street station wagons would find their way out to Wheaton with a bag full of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a jug of lemonade, and a package of cookies. We'd spend the afternoon climbing on the tanks playing soldier outside the Museum. There was no golf course then, the First Division Museum was in its infancy and touring the McCormick Mansion was not an experience our moms wanted to go through with 10 kids under the age of 12. I've since taken my boys to enjoy "The Cantigny Experience" and immediately they think of the tanks.

Cantigny is owned and operated by the McCormick Foundation, one of the nation's largest public charities. The golf course is part of the historic 500-acre Cantigny Park, a park that is more of a complex that contains gardens, museums and top notch restaurants. No knock to Scott and his crew, but if the only reason you've visited Cantigny is to golf, you've only seen a portion of the operation. Cantigny hosts over 40 acres of formal gardens including a rose garden, a popular idea garden and over 20 other plant specific gardens. A stroll through will be sure to give you ideas for your course or home. The First Division Museum takes you through American history as seen through the eyes of the First Infantry Division interactively. There is always something going on at Cantigny, I urge you to visit with your family and spend the day, you won't be disappointed.

Cantigny Golf opened for play in 1989 as the "Best New Public Course in America," Golf Digest. Roger Packard designed the original 27 holes on 275 acres and Wadsworth Construction Company completed the work in 1988. Since 2003, Jacobson Golf Course Design has designed many updates to the original layout. Scott and staff have been putting those designs into action updating bunker complexes, adding new contours to approaches, moving cart paths, and adding drainage to keep



The Witte's, Scott and wife Sue, daughter Kori and son Alec.

the course current. The course is divided into three distinct nines, Woodside, Lakeside and Hillside. Play each nine and you will understand their distinctive names.

Cantigny Golf is also home to a 20-acre Youth Links. There are nine holes dedicated to growing the game. Want to play the course? Adults are only allowed out there in season with a junior golfer, otherwise you can wait for school to start.

The newest addition at Cantigny Golf is its Golf Academy. It is the only teaching center in the Chicagoland area to integrate all the performance components of playing into one location. Year round hitting bays, a 2-acre practice range tee,

and a 1.5-acre short game area are just the beginning to this complex. The professional staff can help with swing instruction, equipment fitting, physical training, mental training, practice techniques and course management. It is quite a complex that brings one of the main missions of the McCormick Foundation, education, to the golf realm. On top of all that, the landscape surrounding the Golf Academy is "zero input" - all native plants that don't require much maintenance.

Scott has managed the golf course since 1995, a year like 2010 that will be remembered for its extremely difficult growing conditions. Scott, a native of Brookfield, Wisconsin, received his

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bachelor's from Michigan State in 1991. Like most, Scott got his start in high school at a local course. He worked at Blue Mound Golf and Country Club during the summers under Carl Grassl. He worked a season at Barrington Hills Country Club as an intern under John Ebel followed by season at Merit Club under Oscar Miles in 1990. Upon graduation, Scott returned to Barrington Hills Country Club as the assistant under Mark Bobb before landing his first and only superintendent job at Cantigny.

The course has played host to many Championships, all under Scott's tenure: 3 Illinois Amateur Championships, A Western Junior Championship and a US Amateur Public Links Championship. It is currently certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System and has been so since 1993.

Cantigny is a unique place and offers Scott a unique set up. Scott oversees his team and has a golf course superintendent oversee each nine-hole segment. Scott, being true to his character, asked this article highlight each one of them. I asked a few questions of each (all of them commented it was like a job interview) to share Team Cantigny with you.



Team Cantigny, Steve Kurtzsky, Tom Weigand, Jeremy Duncan, Scott Witte, Mark Kosbab, Pat Maksymiu and Romeo Diaz.

Patrick Maksymiu

Formal Education: Bachelor of Arts, Niagara University, in Business. Turfgrass Certificate, Penn State

Home Town: Flint, MI

Prior Work Experience:

Pat started at Cantigny in 2006. His resume includes: River Forest Country Club 02-06, Genesee Valley Meadows, Flint, MI for 6 years. He got his start on his family owned course, Cedar Valley Golf Club in Barrie Ontario.

Oversees: Lakeside

Best part of Cantigny:

The people

Favorite Cantigny Hole:

#4 Woodside, because it is an uphill shot encompassed by native area and has a very good tee to green visual.

Toughest part of the job: I have trouble leaving the place each day because I always feel there is something that can be improved or made better.

What I feel I bring to Team Cantigny: Leadership and experience.

What Team Cantigny thinks of me: They think well about me as I do of them.

Best lesson I've learned from Scott: Enjoy the things you have.

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